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Dear Mr. Macfarlane.

This letter is to follow up on our conference call of last fall, and the various emails we have exchanged since that time, related to the Ministry of Environment Lands & Parks' (MELP) desire to share technical information between our agencies on the subject of cleanup of contaminated sites. Thank you for the additional information you provided in regard to MELP's interest in pursuing an arrangement with EPA Region 10 for purposes of sharing staff expertise on unique and complex contaminated sites.

The Region 10 Superfund Program appreciates your interest in sharing information and experiences and agrees that our parallel initiatives can be coordinated or enhanced by mutual collaborative efforts and dialogue. We believe that this can be pursued under an informal arrangement for both general and site-specific expertise needs. Our Region 10 Superfund Program staff from the Offices of Environmental Cleanup and Environmental Assessment can provide advice, and in some cases independent document reviews, in the following general areas:

- site assessment strategies and sampling plans
- remedial strategies and feasibility studies
- sediment studies and remediation plans
- risk assessment
- innovative cleanup technologies

We would like to provide you with specific staff contacts for certain subject areas (i.e. mining, wood treating etc.) to make it as easy as possible for you and your staff to informally contact us with questions and information needs. We will need to monitor the level of this activity over the first few months to ensure that we can respond to the requests within our resource base, or evaluate whether we will need to do some priority setting. Amber Wong, Manager of our Site Assessment & Cleanup Unit 2, and Pat Cirone, Manager of our Risk Evaluation Unit will be our main points of contact for you to work out these issues. They can be reached at (206) 553-4061, and (206) 553-1597 respectively.

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In addition to the sharing of expertise across potentially a variety of sites and issues, I know you are aware that the Upper Columbia River/Lake Roosevelt site has been suggested as a pilot project for US-Canada collaboration. Recognizing that contamination issues in Lake Roosevelt extend beyond the border, a collaborative effort in addressing these transboundary issues will provide incentives for each country to better understand common challenges about contaminated sites and to work toward common goals for mutual benefit of each and both countries. We would like to discuss this suggestion further as well as the expertise and procedures that would have application to this effort. Monica Tonel of my staff will contact you to arrange for a discussion on this topic. If you would like to contact Monica, she can be reached at (206) 553-0323.

We look forward to this collaborative effort and discussing further the details of sharing our collective expertise. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (206) 553-1272.

Sincerely,



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